

VICTORIAN TRADING CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

REPORT TO MEMBERS ON ACTIVITIES FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1970.

MEETINGS

Your Board met on five occasions during the year.

We convened a general meeting of people interested in co-operatives on 25th June, 1969.

Our chairman and acting secretary each attended meetings of co-operatives during the year and spoke on the Association.

MEMBERSHIP

We regret that we did not increase our membership during the year. However the board took action to promote interest in membership by organising my ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ visitation of co-operatives in country areas in February this year. We are grateful to the Morwell Co-operative for ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ their co-operation, in making my services available for a period of two weeks.

We are confident that this visit will result in further discussions with a number of co-operatives which should in turn result in some new members being obtained this year.

FINANCIAL POSITION

As you will be seeing by the financial statements our Association made a loss of \$68.06 for the year. Subscriptions were paid by three societies at the rate decided by last years annual meeting but a lower rate was accepted from Haverley & District for this particular year. The reason for this was basically misunderstanding.

CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

As the accounts show we contributed \$500.00 in subscriptions to the Co-operative Development Society. We supported their seminar held at Newman College in February 1970. We are currently taking an active part in discussions they have promoted which should lead to the formation of a co-operative federation in Victoria in the near future.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

We welcomed the appointment in October 1969 of a co-operatives man to the Co-operative Societies Advisory Council and congratulate our acting secretary Mr. Ted Long on being the person appointed.

We are pleased to note that the Council is proceeding with a review of the Co-operation Act and has undertaken to seek our views on various amendments in due course. We are hopeful that if this review is going to take too long we will be able to have the Council recommend some urgent amendments for adoption by the Government before the end of this year.

GENERAL

Your board is determined to push on with consideration of questions that could benefit co-operative societies. We hope that before too long we will have some proposals to put before members and non-members of the Association to show the merit of working together.

THANKS

I wish to thank my fellow directors and the officers and directors of various co-operatives throughout Victoria for their co-operation throughout the year.



B.H. MACINTOSH,
Chairman.

10th July, 1970.

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